

DIXIE THEATRE...

...FRIDAY...

"Neal of the Navy"

THE GREATEST SERIAL EVER WRITTEN, To Take The Place Of Elaine. Begins this Friday the 14th, with a very wonderful film, "THE SURVIVORS," showing a great volcano in eruption. This program will also contain one reel known as, "THE PATHE WEEKLY," which will show at intervals scenes from the European War.

...MONDAY...

"THE SEA WOLF"

This is one of Jack London's stories and an early release that helped to establish Paramount quality. Robert Howarth plays in this picture.

Local and Personal

Happenings of Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Quednau visited friends in Fort Myers, Sunday.

J. R. Elliott returned last week from a sojourn in the upper part of the state.

Miss Bertha Hanna of Wauchula, is a guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carver of this place.

Geo. E. Bryant and family are again residents of our little city. They moved back from Bowling Green last week.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Friday, January 14th, 3 p. m., at the Baptist church. This is Home-makers Meeting. All women are cordially invited.

Mrs. C. H. Chadwick has recently added considerable improvements to her commodious residence on the corner of Sullivan street and Olympia avenue.

Work is progressing on the large and attractive home which A. J. Welch is building in Solana. When finished, it will be an ornament to that pretty and pleasant suburb.

Returning from Fort Myers, Monday, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Dormany of Plant City, stopped over here and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stewart. Mrs. Dormany is a sister of Mr. Stewart.

The commodious and very comfortable home which Col. C. A. Waltmire is building near the west end of Marian avenue, is fast approaching completion. It will be modern in all its appointments.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Goff truly sympathize with them in the loss of their baby son, age 10 days, who died Monday morning. Next morning, the little body was laid to rest in Pineapple River Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul and little daughter of Louisville, Ky., arrived here Sunday to spend the winter. Mr. Paul is an expert carpenter and he hopes to get work enough to justify him in making this his permanent home.

Arcadia News, Jan. 8:—A bevy of fine looking Punta Gorda boys and girls arrived in Arcadia this morning. This afternoon they are playing two games of basketball against the Arcadia boys' and girls' team. They were accompanied to Arcadia by Prof. Charles Bickley who is assistant principal of the Punta Gorda high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horacek arrived Wednesday of last week from Tampa and went over to Charlotte Harbor, where they own a 20-acre place, to take up their residence. Mr. Horacek, who has had forty years' experience at the business, will operate a small cigar factory at Charlotte Harbor, and with the assistance of his wife will raise fine poultry. Thus, this agreeable couple will prove a valuable acquisition to that town.

It is now quite evident to every Punta Gorda that no mistake was made when Ed W. Smith was elected mayor. He is "on to his job" with all his well known energy. All last week and part of this, he has had a dozen or more able-bodied men at work clearing the weeds and grass from vacant lots and suburban streets with the result that the town now looks cleaner and more attractive than in years past. Besides this, he has had the public artesian fountain fixed up so that the water flows and exhausts freely, to the great pleasure of the many people who use the water. And Mayor Smith is personally present and gives his personal attention to all work going on. All honor to him!

Painter's Almanac tells of a negro girl named Fertilizer Johnson. The teacher asked her if she was sure Fertilizer was her right name, and she said that it was, that her father's name was Ferdinand and her mother's name Liza, and that she was called after both of them. Another job for Captain Rose, our State Chemist, and we are wondering just how he will tag Miss Johnson.—Florida Grower.

There will be a total eclipse of the sun at Punta Gorda February 3rd.—Punta Gorda Herald. We are coming down to take this in, Bro. Jordan. Our almanac says it will be a two-thirder in this section.—Macclenny Standard.

FIRE IN THE KITCHEN

Simple Method of Suppressing it and Saving Life

Every woman, every person in Florida should carefully read and always keep in mind the following information given by the Ocala Star. If remembered and used, it will save life and property. In every kitchen there should be kept a five-gallon jar containing a solution of bi-carbonate of soda:

If the State Board of Education in Florida would require the teaching to every child attending the public schools of this state, the simple fact that plain soda is one of the best fire extinguishing agents known, it would accomplish a great deal.

How many housewives know the value of common bicarbonate of soda as a fire extinguishing agent? Four ounces of soda to a gallon of plain water has been proven by actual test to be equal to eighty gallons of ordinary water not so charged. The mixture of soda and water will not harm varnish, paint or clothing.

A bucketful of bicarbonate of soda water and a tin cup may save home and life. The throwing of this soda water upon the fire will cause the formation of a blanket of carbonic gas, known technically as carbon dioxide, and under which no fire can live. If thrown on burning dresses or draperies the mixture will

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Elbert Bede Says

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Anyway, when a woman brags of making a fool of a man, it is acknowledgment that he wasn't one to start with.

How exasperating folks are who, instead of being convinced by our argument, try to talk us into their way of thinking.

Gradually it is becoming accepted that education is for the purpose of teaching young men and women something useful for later life.

Sometimes we imagine that folks get peeved at the newspaper notoriety given their actions just to keep folks from suspecting that they courted the notoriety.

Any old girl is pretty when all dolled up—the test of her sweetness and beauty is how she looks in a gingham dress about the house—and don't forget that that's one way you have got to take her most of the time after the wedding.

After a woman has made a success of grand opera she is likely to be referred to as beautiful, but she has then passed the stage when such comments would have been of value to her. A woman whose fame for a beautiful voice is established, doesn't care what folks say about her face.

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The St. Petersburg Times, in a well worded article, essays to answer the Sun's contention that a municipal-owned public utility plant never has nor never will pay.—Clearwater Sun.

You might as well shut up, Powell. Ocala has a municipal owned electric plant that has paid ever since the city bought it, a decade and a half ago. And Ocala has the lowest rate for current in Florida. It also has a city water

plant, which is keeping even and saving the people money. With careful management, public-owned utilities are sure to pay. A pound of practice is worth more than a ton of theory.—Ocala Star.

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